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SUBJECT: CAPE VERDES INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES

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1. GUINEA-BISSAU FIRST SECRETARY FORTADO CALLED AT EMBASSY JUNE 24
IN INFORM US THAT B-B EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED FOLLOWING TELEGRAM
FROM G-B PAIGC SECRETARY GENERAL ARISTIDES PEREIRA:

QUOTE: CONCERNING CEREMONY OF INDEPENDENCE AT CAPE VERDES AND
CONSIDERING OUR ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES WE MUST AVOID
ISSUING INVITATIONS TO GOVERNMENTS. HOWEVER, CONSIDERING FRIENDLY
RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN OUR PEOPLE AND GREAT AMERICAN PEOPLE
WE ARE INVITING FROM UNITED STATES SENATOR KENNEDY, SENATOR
BORRKE AND CONGRESSMAN CHARLES DIGGS. COMRADE ALFONSO GOMEZ
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(COUNSELOR OF G-B EMBASSY) SHOULD ARRIVE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25.

BRINGING COPY OF TELEGRAM INVITING THOSE THREE PERSONS. UNQUOTE.

2. FORTADO KNOWS OF NO ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE FOR TRANSPORTING GUESTS TO JULY 5 CEREMONIES FROM DAKAR, BUT SURMISED THAT SPECIAL FLIGHT MAY BE ARRANGED FROM BISSAU. HE REPEATED STATEMENTS WE HAD HEARD EARLIER CONCERNING DIRE SHORTAGE OF HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS IN CAPE VERDES. FORTADO COULD SHED LITTLE FURTHER LIGHT ON AUTHORITY WITH WHICH PEREIRA SPEAKS ON BEHALF NASCENT CAPE VERDES GOVERNMENT, BUT TENDED TO CONFIRM OUR FEELING THAT PAIGC IS INCREASINGLY SURE OF ITS CONTROL BEING EXTENDED FIRMLY TO ISLANDS.

3. EMBASSY IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO MEET WITH ALPHONSO GOMEZ IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS RETURN TO DAKAR TOMORROW TO OBTAIN ANY FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE.

4. DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT TO OTHER POSTS AS NECESSARY.
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